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USS REEVES
USS BADGER
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FOR COMMODORE ROANE AND COMMANDING OFFICERS FROM
AMBASSADOR VAN HOLLEN

E.O. 11652:N/A

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SUBJECT: VISIT OF COMDESRON TWO THREE, USS REEVES AND
USS BADGER

1. YOUR AUGUST 30-SEPTEMBER 3 VISIT TO COLOMBO
WAS CONDUCTED IN OUTSTANDING FASHION AND THE SAILORS
ATTACHED TO YOUR COMMAND AND RESPECTIVE SHIPS
LEFT MOST FAVORABLE IMPRESSIONS WITH SRI LANKA
NAVY AND MANY CITIZENS OF THIS COUNTRY WHOM
THEY MET INFORMALLY.

2. YOUR VISIT WAS OF SPECIAL SIGNIFICANCE BECAUSE
USS REEVES WAS LARGEST U.S. NAVAL VESSEL
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TO HAVE CALLED AT COLOMBO IN LAST FIVE YEARS.

CONDUCT AND PROFESSIONALISM BOTH ASHORE AND DURING
ONBOARD REPRESENTATION WAS EXEMPLARY AND CONTRIBUTED
MEASURABLY TO THE SUCCESS OF THE VISIT. PLEASE CONVEY
MY PERSONAL GRATITUDE TO ALL OF THE MEN OF YOUR
SHIPS FOR A JOB DONE IN TRADITIONAL NAVY FASHION:
"WELL DONE." OUR ONLY REGRET IS
THE LOSS OF THE COVETED INDIAN OCEAN SOFTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP
BUT WE CONCEDE IT WAS FAIRLY WON.

3. MANY THANKS FOR YOUR THOUGHTFUL AND WARM
MESSAGE (CTG 75-1 031140Z SEP 75). I AM PASSING
ON YOUR WORKS OF APPRECIATION TO ALL MEMBERS OF
MISSION STAFF.
VAN HOLLEN

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